

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 652

Introduced by Assembly Member Ammiano

February 21, 2013

An act to add Section 11165.15 to the Penal Code, relating to child abuse.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 652, as introduced, Ammiano. Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act: homeless children.

Existing law, the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act, requires a mandated reporter, as defined, to report whenever he or she, in his or her professional capacity or within the scope of his or her employment, has knowledge of or observes a child whom the mandated reporter knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse or neglect.

This bill would provide that the fact that a child is homeless or is classified as an unaccompanied minor is not, in and of itself, a sufficient basis for reporting child abuse or neglect.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11165.15 is added to the Penal Code, to
2 read:
3 11165.15. For the purposes of this article, the fact that a child
4 is homeless or is classified as an unaccompanied minor, as defined
5 in Section 11434a of the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless

- 1 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 11301 et seq.), is not, in and of
- 2 itself, a sufficient basis for reporting child abuse or neglect.

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